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SUBJECT: LETTER FOR STR ROBERT STRAUSS FROM EDMUND
DELL RE ECONOMIC ISSUES

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
TRADE EDMUND DELL TO AMBASSADOR STRAUSS RECEIVED BY
EMBASSY TODAY:

BEGIN QUOTE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATIONS WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, WHICH MR. MILLER
THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN THE
UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN LONDON, HAS FORWARDED TO ME.

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AS YOU KNOW THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS VERY MUCH IN
SYMPATHY WITH THE IDEAS YOU HAVE BEEN PUTTING TO THE
JAPANESE. IN OUR VIEW IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT JAPAN SHOULD
ADOPT POLICIES WHICH OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO WILL
ELIMINATE ITS CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS. WHAT WE NEED TO
DO IS TO URGE ON THE JAPANESE THE NEED TO AGREE ON A
COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME TO THIS END WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE

ACTION TO BRING ABOUT A SUSTAINED INCREASE IN IMPORTS
OF MANUFACTURED GOODS.

WHILE THE TARIFF PROPOSALS JUST ANNOUNCED BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN SHOULD HELP A LITTLE, IT SEEMS TO
US THAT THEY DO NOT GO FAR ENOUGH. OTHER MORE SUBSTAN-
TIAL MEASURES WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY. SINCE, AS YOU
SAY, WE SHARE COMMON OBJECTIVES IN THIS AREA OF POLICY
I BELIEVE THAT THE US AND THE COMMUNITY - BOTH THE
COMMISSION AND ITS MEMBER STATES - SHOULD ACT IN
PARALLEL, TO ACHIEVE THE MAXIMUM RESULTS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT OUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS ALREADY
IN CONTACT WITH YOUR OFFICIALS ON THIS SUBJECT AND WE
ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE INFORMATION WHICH THE EMBASSY
HAVE BEEN GIVEN ON YOUR TALKS WITH THE JAPANESE. I
HOPE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP IN TOUCH AS THE
SITUATION DEVELOPS.

KIND REGARDS. END QUOTE.

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